

## II. CLAIMS

1. (Original) A trusted gateway system for a proof-of-postage system comprising:

a postage meter system;

a secure accounting and financial system for providing secure information to the meter;

a secure connection between the meter and accounting and financial system providing at least authentication and encryption between the meter and the financial system and accounting; and

a user interface, remotely coupled to the meter and adapted to allow a user to access the meter functionality with respect to the accounting and financial system.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the user interface communicates with the meter over a wireless communication pathway.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the user interface comprises a personal digital assistant.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the user interface is securely isolated from the secure connection between the meter and the accounting and financial system.